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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended): A method for intelligent communication management within a communication device comprising the steps of:

~~initiating a first communication connection to a first communication means;~~
~~determining whether the first communication connection is established;~~
~~communicating~~ initiating communication with a contact using a the first communication means ~~when the~~ via a first communication connection is ~~established;~~
detecting that the first communication connection is not active ~~disconnected;~~
~~comparing the first communication means with one or more communication means stored within a memory;~~
~~identifying a contact associated with the first communication means;~~
identifying a second communication means associated with the contact; and
initiating communication with the contact via a second communication connection to the second communication means.

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2 (currently amended): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the detecting step comprises

~~further comprising the step of:~~

determining that the first communication connection is not established ~~prior to the~~
~~comparing step.~~

3 (currently amended): A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

providing storing a communication preference identifying one or more communication
means for sequentially initiating communication with the contact, wherein the second
communication means is identified by the communication preference.

4 (currently amended): A method as recited in claim 3 further comprising the step of:

initiating a communication with the contact using a third communication connection to a
third communication means when the second communication connection is not ~~established~~
active, wherein the third communication means is identified by the communication preference.

5 (original): A method as recited in claim 3 wherein the communication preference comprises a
communication preference chosen from a group consisting of a fixed communication order, a
pattern communication order, a time based communication order, and a calendar based
communication order.

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6 (original): A method as recited in claim 3 further comprising the steps of:

retrieving a historical communication pattern for the contact;

setting the communication preference for the contact using the historical communication pattern.

7 (original): A method as recited in claim 3 further comprising the steps of:

storing one or more communication preference orders each associated with a timeframe;

determining a current time;

matching the current time with one of the timeframes; and

setting the communication preference to the communication preference order associated with the matched timeframe.

8 (original): A method as recited in claim 3 further comprising the steps of:

storing one or more calendar events each associated with a time frame, wherein each calendar event has an associated communication preference order;

determining a current time;

matching the current time with one of the timeframes; and

setting the communication preference to the communication preference order of the calendar event associated with the matched timeframe.

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9 (original): A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

- storing one or more communication means for the contact;
- displaying the stored one or more communication means; and
- selecting the second communication means from the displayed one or more communication means prior to the initiating the second communication step.

10 (original): A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

- displaying the second communication means; and
- selecting the second communication means prior to the initiating the second communication connection step.

11 (currently amended): A communication device having intelligent communication management, the communication device comprising:

- a transceiver for communicating with a contact using a first communication means using via a first communication connection;
- a processor coupled to the transceiver for processing signals received from the transceiver and sending commands to the transceiver for communicating with one or more communication means including the first communication means and a second communication means;
- a memory coupled to the processor for storing one or more contacts each having one or more associated communication means, the memory storing the contact associated with the first communication means and the second communication means; and

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a communications manager application coupled to the processor and to the memory,
wherein the communications manager application is adapted to:

- detect that the first communication connection with the contact is disconnected;
- ~~compare the first communication means with one or more communication means~~
~~stored within the memory;~~
- ~~identify a contact associated with the first communication means;~~
- identify the second communication means associated with the contact; and
- cause the processor to initiate a second communication connection to the second communication means.

12 (original): A communication device having intelligent communication management as recited in claim 11 wherein the memory further stores one or more communication preferences identifying the sequential order of the communication means for initiating communication with the contact, wherein the second communication means is identified by the communication preference.